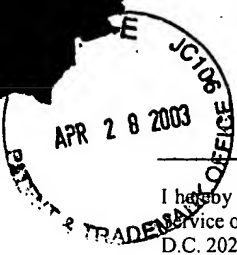


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified patent application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**In the specification:**

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification on page 1, starting at line 6 as follows (deleted matter in strikethrough and added matter underlined):

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-- This application claims the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/309,634, entitled "DISTRIBUTION OF DOWNLOADABLE SOFTWARE OVER A NETWORK," filed on August 1, 2001 and which is incorporated by reference herein. This application also claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ ~~60/~~ 60/347,921, filed October 18, 2001 by United States Postal Service Express Mail Serial No. EL701362699US, entitled, "SYSTEM METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR COLLECTING INFORMATION